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San Leandro High School Wins 2019 Safe Routes to Schools Platinum Sneaker Award

Of the participating classrooms, 77 percent of student trips were made by active or shared transportation.

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program announce that San Leandro High School is the winner of the 2019 Platinum Sneaker Award. The school was honored by Alameda CTC at its Commission Meeting in Oakland today. San Leandro High School was one of 89 schools participating in the countywide [Golden Sneaker Contest](#) and has the additional distinction of being the first ever high school to receive the Platinum Sneaker Award.

This award is the top prize for the Golden Sneaker Contest, which was held from February 25 - March 8. While each school recognizes its winning classroom, the Alameda CTC presents the Platinum Sneaker award to the school with the highest percent increase of students using active or shared transportation, such as walking, bicycling, taking transit, or carpooling, to travel to school. Seventy-seven percent of participating San Leandro High School students used alternative modes of transportation during the contest, resulting in over 1,800 active trips.

“Every year the Golden Sneaker Contest encourages students and families throughout Alameda County to try new active and healthy ways to get to school,” says Alameda CTC Chair Richard Valle, Alameda County District 2 Supervisor. “We hope these transportation choices become habits that will last a lifetime.”

Platinum Sneaker honorable mentions go to Bay Farm Elementary (Alameda Unified School District), Malcolm X Elementary (Berkeley Unified School District), Tyrrell Elementary (Hayward Unified School District), Cornell Elementary (Albany Unified School District), and James Leitch Elementary (Fremont Unified School District), which all had active transportation rates above 60 percent.

This year, nearly 60,000 students from Alameda County elementary, middle and high schools participated in the Golden Sneaker Contest. For the third year in a row, trophies for the winning classrooms were made with sneakers donated by the [Golden State Warriors Community Foundation](#).

“This is a great honor for our school. My leadership students work really hard to ensure all Safe Route to Schools events go off without a hitch.” said San Leandro High School teacher, Jan Othen.

This annual contest is organized by the [Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program](#) and funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission with support from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Schools that are new to Safe Routes to Schools can find contest resources and materials at the Safe Routes to Schools [online resource center](#).



San Leandro High School 2019 Platinum Sneaker Award Winners

(l.-r.: **Deborah Cox**, San Leandro Councilmember; **Jan Othen**, San Leandro High School (SLHS) Leadership Teacher; **Andrew Marquez**, **Cynthia Garcia** and **Darius Simms**, SLHS Students; Alameda CTC Vice Chair **Pauline Cutter**; **Catherine Lazitine**, SLHS Student; **Kristin Glenchur**, SLHS Assistant Principal; **Darell Davis**, Safe Routes to Schools Program High School Coordinator; Alameda CTC Chair **Richard Valle**)

About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every city throughout Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC's expenditure plans include Measure B, approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and Measure BB, approved by more than 70 percent of voters in 2014. For more information, please visit the Alameda CTC website at www.AlamedaCTC.org.

About Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools

Safe Routes to Schools is a comprehensive, proven approach to getting more kids walking and biking safely to school. It provides kids and their parents with skills, encouragement and inspiration through a range of activities, events and lessons, while also addressing local pedestrian, bicycle and personal safety concerns. Operating since 2006, the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program is funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission with local, regional, state, and federal funds. Visit alamedacountysr2s.org to learn more.

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